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Dear Examiner Patel:

The following is the amendment to claim 1, which you just called about. Also enclosed are amendments to claims 2, 4 that are necessary in light of the changes to claim 1.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting one protocol from among a plurality of protocols to establish one or more communication sessions between a first computer and a second computer, where the first computer has an object and the second computer has an object-handle associated with the object, and where the object-handle identifies the plurality of protocols, the method comprising the steps of:

a. defining a plurality of ranges so that each of the ranges represents a priority rule;

b. determining the priority rule that applies to each of the plurality of protocols respectively identified in the object-handle based on a configuration for the second computer;

c. upon invocation of the object handle for each of said one or more communication sessions, generating bids having bid values for one or more protocols among the plurality of protocols identified by the object-handle, wherein each of the bid values is in one of the ranges that represents the priority rule upon invoking on the second computer the object located on the first computer for each of said one or more communication sessions;

d. [[b]] dynamically arranging the bid values in a sequence corresponding to their relative values so as to indicate a relative preference among the plurality of one or more protocols for each of said one or more communication sessions; and

e. [[c]]. parsing the arranged bid values to select a highest protocol that is the highest preference according to the sequence and is effective in establishing each of said one or more communication sessions.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as in claim 1, wherein the generating step further comprises the steps of:

a. ~~referencing a predefined configuration that is associated with the second computer;~~

b. [[b.]] for each of the one or more protocols among the plurality of protocols, determining whether the one or more protocols qualifies according to the configuration;

and

c. [[c]]. when the one or more protocols qualifies, setting [[a]] the bid value for the one or more protocols according to the configuration.

Claim 3, change dependency to claim 1

Claim 4, change dependency to claim 1

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